## IN THE STATE COURT OF THOMAS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

## **COVID 19 NOTICE**

Due to the ongoing health crisis caused by COVID-19, the Supreme Court of Georgia entered its THIRD ORDER EXTENDING DECLARATION OF STATEWIDE JUDICIAL EMERGENCY on June 12, 2020. In compliance with said Order the Court hereby issues the following guidelines for in-person court proceedings. Changes to these guidelines may be implemented as future circumstances require.

CRIMINAL ARRAIGNMENTS AND BENCH TRIALS will be heard with the listed procedural guidelines:

- 1. Generally only parties, attorneys and necessary witnesses will be physically allowed in the courtroom. Family and spectators are strongly advised not to attend. Proceedings should be available to be viewed by the public via a video link to the lobby.
- 2. All persons entering the courtroom shall be required to wear a mask and be checked for fever.
- 3. The number of persons entering the courtroom shall be limited. In no event shall more than 25 persons be present in the courtroom at one time.

4. All persons shall distance themselves from others and shall maintain a distance of at least six feet.

NOTICE SO ORDERED, this the 15th day of June, 2020.

MARK E. MITCHELL, JUDGE

STATE COURT OF THOMAS COUNTY

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